# By the King.

# A Proclamation for reſtraint of the exportation, waſte, and conſumption of Coine and Bullion.

THE Kings moſt Excellent Maieſty conſidering the ſcarcity of money and coine of late yeeres growen within the Realme, occaſioned partly by tranſportation thereof out of this kingdome, and partly by the vnlawfull conſumption thereof within the land, whereof many vnſufferable inconueniences doe daily ariſe, & more are like to enſue, to the generall hurt and dammage of the whole common weale, if ſome timely and good remedy be not prouided; And calling to mind the many & good Lawes and Statutes made in the times of his moſt noble progenitours and predeceſſors, Kings of this Realme, as alſo the ſeuerall Proclamations publiſhed by his owne Royall authority ſince the beginning of his moſt happy Reigne: Notwithſtanding all which, and ſome remarkeable examples of Juſtice in his high Court of Starre-chamber againſt ſome principall offenders in this kinde, many couetous and greedy perſons, haue and dayly doe with great boldneſſe and contempt, continue and proceed in thoſe vnlawfull and offenſiue courſes, tending to the exhauſting of the treaſure of the Realme, and vtter ouerthrow of trade and commerce within the ſame. And therefore his Maieſtie in his Princely wiſedome, and vpon neceſſity of State, ſees it fit, that from henceforth all care and diligence in the diſcouery, and all ſeuerity in the correction and puniſhment of ſuch delinquents, without fauour to any, ſhall be vſed. And to the end that all men may take notice heereof, his Maieſty thinketh fit to publiſh this his Proclamation, to the end that no man vpon hope of impunity, preſume heereafter to tranſgreſſe his Maieſties Lawes, or this his Royall commandement in that behalfe; heereby ſtraitly charging and commanding, that no perſon or perſons, alien, denizen, or other ſubiect, of what eſtate, degree, quality or condition ſoeuer, do at any time heereafter, without his Maieſties licence, tranſport, carry, or conuey, or attempt, or endeuour to tranſport, carry or conuey out of this Realme, any golde or ſiluer, either in Coine, Plate, Veſſels, Jewels, Goldſmiths worke, Bullion, or other Maſſe, or otherwiſe howſoeuer, vpon paine of his Maieſties heauy indignation and diſpleaſure, and of the ſeuereſt cenſure of his high Court of Starre-chamber, and ſuch further paines, puniſhments and impriſonments, as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme may be inflicted vpon them for ſuch their offence.

And further, that no perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, vpon the like paines or penalties, do ayd, aſſiſt, counſaile, or any waies partake with any other perſon or perſons, purpoſing or attempting to tranſport, carry or conuey out of this Realm, without his Maieſties lycenſe, any Gold or Siluer, in Coyne, Plate, Veſſell, Jewels, Goldſmithes worke, Bullion, or other maſſe, or otherwiſe howſoeuer; either by gathering or getting together ſuch Gold or Siluer, or by packing vp the ſame fit for tranſportation, or conueying the ſame to or towards any Port, Hauen, or other place of exportation, or by any other way, meane, or colour whatſoeuer. And that all & ſinguler Goldſmiths, Merchants, & their Factors, Maſters of ſhips, Mariners, Paſſengers, and all other perſons whatſoeuer, that ſhall haue any

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notice of Gold or Siluer in coyne, Iewells, Bullion, Plate, or Uessell, or otherwise howsoeuer, which hath beene already exported within the space of three yeeres last past, or shall be hereafter exported, or shalbe shipped for exportation, or shall be gathered and got together by change, culling, or otherwise, with intention to export, or with intention to put into the hands of them which should export it, That they foorthwith reueale the same to the Lord Treasurer of England, the Lord President of his Maiesties Priuy Counsell, the vnder Treasurer of the Exchequer, or to the Warden of the Cinque Ports, or his Deputie, or to some of his Maiesties learned Counsell; for which discouerie they shall receiue in reward the one halfe of the said Gold or Siluer, or of the value thereof being seized or recouered to his Maiesties vse: And on the other part, if they shall not discouer the same, they shall incurre and receiue condigne punishment, as by the Lawes of this his Maiesties Realme, or by his Prerogatiue Royall shall be meete to be inflicted vpon them. And for auoyding of all vnnecessary consumption and waste of Siluer and Gold within this Realme, which is much practised of late by some Goldsmithes and Refiners, and those that vse the manufacture of Gold and Siluer threed; his Maiestie doth hereby straitly charge and command, that no Finer of Gold or Siluer, nor parter of the same by fire or water, from hencefoorth allay no fine Siluer, nor Gold, nor none sell in any other wise, ne to any person or persons, but only to the Officers of his Maiesties Mynts, Changes, and Goldsmithes within this Realme, only for the augmentation and amending of Coyne and Plate: And that no Finer nor Finers, Parter nor Parters sell to no person any manner of Siluer in Masse molten and allayed; and that no Goldsmith within this Realme melt or allay any fine Siluer, but only for making of Amels and for amending of Plate, to make it as good as sterling, as by the Statute in that case is prouided: Nor that they sell no fine Siluer, nor other Siluer allayed, molten into Masse to any person or persons whatsoeuer, nor one Goldsmith to another: But that the Statute in this behalfe made in the fourth yeere of his Maiesties most noble progenitor King Henry the seuenth be in all points duly obserued and kept, vpon paine that euery person, offending to the contrary, shall incurre his Maiesties high indignation and displeasure, and such punishment as by the Law or by his Maiesties Prerogatiue Royall may be inflicted for such misdemeanor & contempt.

And for that the making of Gold and Siluer threed is found to be a great waste & consumption of Coyne & Bullion of the Realme; Therfore his Maiestie doth further prohibite & forbid all making of Gold and Siluer threed, of what kind soeuer, or by whatsoeuer name it be called within this his Maiesties Realme: And doth straitly charge and command, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangell next ensuing, shall presume to buy, or put to sale any Gold or Siluer threed, made within any his Maiesties Dominions, vpon paine to incurre the vttermost seueritie of the censure and punishments afore mentioned.

Giuen at Our Mannor of Greenewich, the eleuenth day of Iune, in the twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the fiue and fiftieth.

God saue the King.

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